

SENATE RESOLUTION 156

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor the seventy-fifth anniversary of the
Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP.

WHEREAS, established in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People (NAACP) seeks to advance the political, educational, social, and economic
equality of rights for all people and to eliminate racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP is dedicated to the objective of securing full enjoyment of
citizenship rights, justice in all courts, and equality of opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP was chartered in 1946; the
conference organized and elected Beluah Netherlands of Knoxville as its first president; and

WHEREAS, other outstanding leaders of the Tennessee State Conference of the
NAACP include Reverend Frank Gordon, Sarah Moore-Greene, Mr. Vaughn, Attorney H.T.
Lockard, James Mapp, Willbert Bond, Sr., and Gloria J. Sweet-Love; and

WHEREAS, today, members of the Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP are
continuing in their efforts to assist residents of the State with problems relating to equality and
racial conflicts; the conference has adopted a progressive agenda to address issues associated
with education, employment, crime, housing equity, religious freedom, police brutality, political
involvement, accountability of elected officials, and fair share agreements; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this great nation owe a debt of gratitude to the NAACP's
unwavering commitment to civil rights and the vision of a society free of injustice; now,
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the Tennessee State Conference
of the NAACP upon its seventy-fifth anniversary and commend them for their endeavors to

ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all people and eliminate race-based discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.